



## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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## **NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY**

### **District of Columbia Public Schools State Education Agency**

### **Reading First Initiative Grant Program**

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), State Education Agency (SEA), is soliciting grant applications from qualified LEAs to improve Reading instruction and assessments in grades K-3, in schools demonstrating the greatest needs related to academic achievement and poverty.

Under the Reading First Act, Title I, Part B, Subpart 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the SEA has made an estimated \$3.2 million available for funding multiple grants. The SEA anticipates the average LEA grant award will be \$70,000 per participating school site that the LEA will serve under the grant program.

The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on March 16, 2004 and the deadline for submission is April 20, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Ms. Deidre M. Hunt at CDH Management and Consulting on (202) 641-5766. The RFA will also be available on the Mayor's Office of Partnership and Grants Development (OPGD) website, [http://www.opdg.dc.gov/info/grant/funding\\_grants/index.shtm](http://www.opdg.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtm) and the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) website, [www.dcps.dc.gov](http://www.dcps.dc.gov) no later than, March 22, 2004.

Applicants to the program must attend the Pre-Application Conference on March 23, 2004 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at 825 North Capitol Street, NE – 5th Floor Board Room.